

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2707.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2687–88, H2688, H2688–89, H2689–90, H2690, H2691, H2701–02, H2702, H2729–30, H2747, H2747–48, H2753, H2753–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:14 a.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Homeland Security; and Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies.

SENIOR INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2006

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006.

MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS' RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT OF 2005

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2048, Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Planning for Long-Term Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the State of the International Financial System. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

REFORM OF NATIONAL SECURITY REVIEWS OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act. Testimony was heard from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Stewart A. Baker, Assistant Sec-

retary, Policy, Planning, and International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Alice Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Peter C.W. Flory, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DOD PRIVATE SECTOR CLEARANCES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Low Clearance: Why Did DOD Suddenly Stop Processing Private Sector Security Clearances?" Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, III, Acting Director, OMB; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Andrews, Deputy Under Secretary, Counterintelligence and Security; Robert W. Rogalski, Special Assistant, Under Secretary (Intelligence); and Thomas F. Gimble, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and Kathy L. Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, OPM.

RU-486 SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "RU-486—Demonstrating a Low Standard for Women's Health?" Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Operations, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REFORM AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5451, National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act of 2006.

U.S. AND SOUTH ASIA AGENDA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the United States and South Asia: An Expanding Agenda. Testimony was heard from Richard Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO EGYPT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing to review U.S. Assistance Programs to Egypt. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David C. Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; James Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Michael W. Coulter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL AGENCY PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT; OVERSIGHT—HOMELAND SECURITY AND PERSONAL PRIVACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 2840, Federal Agency Protection of Privacy Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Privacy in the Hands of the Government: The Privacy Officer for the Department of Homeland Security and the Privacy Officer for the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Jane C. Horvath, Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Department of Justice; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

AMERICAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND MARINE LIFE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 5018, American Fisheries Management and Marine Life Enhancement Act.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES; APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule proving 1 hour of debate on H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 provides that upon adoption of H. Con. Res. 376, and until a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007 has been adopted by the Congress, the provisions of H. Con. Res. 376 and its accompanying report shall have force and effect in the House for all purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as though adopted by the Congress. The rule provides that nothing in section 2 may be construed to engage rule XXVII. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Representative Walsh, but action was deferred on H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote of 6 to 4, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H. Con. Res. 376, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution.

The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report accompanying the resolution may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report, except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment.

The rule provides that upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment there shall be a final period of general debate, not to exceed 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption.

The rule provides that after adoption of H. Con. Res. 376, it shall be in order to consider in the House S. Con. Res. 83, to move to strike all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 83, and to insert the provisions of H. Con. Res. 376 as adopted by

the House. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of S. Con. Res. 83 and against the motion to strike and insert. Finally, the rule provides that if the motion is adopted and the Senate concurrent resolution, as amended, is adopted, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate concurrent resolution and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES OF 2006

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5013, Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 5187, To amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; and as amended, H.R. 5316, RESPOND Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved additional lease resolutions from the GSA FY 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAMS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights relating to advancing the human dimension in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and its role in monitoring elections in OSCE countries, after receiving testimony from Kurt Volker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Christian Strohal, Director, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE, Austria; and Carl Gershman, National Endowment for Democracy, Jeff Fischer, International Foundation for Election Systems, Patrick Merloe, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and Lorne Craner, International Republican Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1881, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", S. 633, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding; to be followed by a hearing to examine the report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup S. 2802, to improve American innovation and competitiveness in the global economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement, and the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to continue hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine transition from crisis to peaceful democracy in Nepal, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine unobligated balances, focusing on their treatment and how they affect agency budgeting and programming, including what happens to these accounts when they expire, and how Office of Management and Budget, the Treasury and the agencies treat them, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Sandra Segal Ikuta, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of